



## Los Angeles Herald.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1873.

**The DAILY HERALD** has nearly **DOUBLE** the Circulation of either contemporary paper published in Los Angeles. As an advertising medium it is consequently of **DOUBLE** their value.

### Ship and Rail.

The *Express* having constituted itself the especial champion of the Lighterage monopoly, we hope it will pardon us for asking a few pertinent questions. In its issue of the 27th, the *Express* dictatorially asserts that "the trade of Los Angeles must continue to be served as it is until the Breakwater has completed its work and a channel has been cut through the bar; or it must be served by a class of steamers of light draft, which, by taking advantage of the tides, can come direct to the railroad," and adds that "we should do all in our power to hurry up the time when the breakwater will be finished and a channel cut through the bar."

It seems to be generally admitted that if the bar were out of the way, vessels could come to the point of Rattlesnake Island, and would then find sufficient depth and extent of water. A careful examination of the chart of San Pedro bay, shows that after leaving this point the water shoals, and that the channel thence to Wilmington soon becomes narrow, tortuous, and shallow. The depth of water in the last mile of this channel varies at low tide from seven feet to nothing. These are facts known to everybody, "and no amount of newspaper gasconade" can alter them. Now, supposing the breakwater finished, and the bar removed, how are ship and rail brought together? What has been done to widen and deepen this channel, so that ordinary sea-going vessels can at all times come to the wharf at Wilmington, and what is likely to be done? What is the *Express* doing, and what has it been doing to hasten the completion of the breakwater, and what is the probability of securing from Congress the large amount necessary to open a channel to Wilmington? We don't want any "newspaper gasconade," but a plain categorical answer.

### Wool Growers' Convention.

On Thursday, January 15th, the Wool-growers of Southern California, will meet in convention in this city, for the purpose of discussing the various questions bearing upon their interests, and promoting this important industry.

In the five counties comprising the district known as Southern California, as shown by the Assessor's books, there are over 900,000 sheep, distributed as follows:

San Diego.	52,015
San Bernardino.	49,297
Los Angeles.	478,700
Ventura.	88,508
Santa Barbara.	231,773

Total. 901,193  
From these sheep over 3,000,000,000 pounds of wool were marketed in 1873, making it the most important export, probably, of this section of the State.

### The Poll Tax.

Superintendent McFadden calls attention in a letter which we print in another column, to a failure to collect the poll tax. We learn that since the date of his communication, several hundred persons have paid their tax, bringing up the amount to the usual figure, and the Treasurer expects that considerable collections will yet be made. Though the amount realized from this tax might by extra diligence be considerably increased, yet under existing regulations it is impossible to come very near securing the whole amount due. We have a large floating population, here to-day and gone to-morrow. Their names get on the register, but by tax-paying time, they are elsewhere. Then again there are a great many, from whom it is impossible to collect any tax. The law only provides for the sale of property by the officers, and if the individual who owes the tax has no property, that is the end of the matter. There are probably six hundred men in this city alone, from whom it would be useless to attempt the collection of the tax, and all over the country this class is numerous.

The *Index* and *Press* are inclined to dispute the statement made by "P. Z." in our columns, that if a railroad had been built to San Pedro, and a wharf put out there, we should have had a harbor superior to the one at Santa Barbara. "P. Z." is intimately connected with our shipping interests, and probably is better acquainted with the Coast of Southern California than the entire newspaper corps of Santa Barbara, and it is his unhesitating assertion that by the construction of a wharf, either San Pedro or Santa Monica, would be the best harbor South of San Francisco.

SAN DIEGO encourages her churches by getting up balls in their behalf. This is almost equal to the little town in Illinois, where a raffle was organized for the purpose of getting the minister a new suit of clothes.

The Indian title to San Diego country has just been extinguished. The price paid was a turkey, an old hat, and one dollar, and there are people who think the sum an extravagant one.

THE *Express* has taken occasion to call attention to the fact that the *HERALD* has copied certain statements of fact from a Denver paper without giving credit, and will of course take no exception to our noticing its theft of the *HERALD*'s special dispatches. Last evening that paper copied entire a special dispatch received and paid for by the *HERALD*, and published Sunday morning. The *Express* stated editorially that it was received yesterday, that is, Sunday, giving no credit to anyone. As it was scissored from our columns, it knew when and by whom it was received, and while it was about it, might as well have told the truth, as to have stated what it knew to be a falsehood. The *Express* is welcome to copy our special, but when it undertakes to say anything about where they come from, we prefer it should tell the truth.

W. H. MILLS, the editor of the *Record*, and chief proprietor of that paper, was presented by the employees, on Christmas, with a handsome and valuable gold watch and chain. The presentation was a complete surprise to Mills, and it is stated that he was too much embarrassed at first, to come to time with a reply. This may be so, but if he has the quantity of cheek he used to sport when we were boys together, he hadn't much difficulty in getting off something appropriate to the occasion.

We are glad to note that the question of improving the character of our church buildings is attracting public attention. Since the publication of our article, several prominent citizens, among them the pastor of one of our religious societies, have called to express their satisfaction, and in to-day's paper we print a communication from a lady of this city, who takes the right view of the case. We hope the master will be agitated until every church in the city is supplied with a creditable building.

### Letter from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23, 1873.  
After three weeks of almost continual rain, we are at last favored with a spell of fine weather. This morning, early, a very heavy frost fell, and the streets in the suburbs and the surrounding hills are now covered with a white garment. The change in the weather has come very opportunely; for our storekeepers especially, as now they will stand a good chance of disposing of the tempting wares they have prepared for the purchasers of Christmas gifts. Business, outside of this particular branch, is very dull, with the exception of stocks. At this time these last named speculative commodities are booming.

### THE HAVANA LOTTERY.

Although the sale of lottery tickets is strictly forbidden in California, yet a considerable business has been done in San Francisco in Havana lottery tickets, more especially this present month, numbers being desirous of trying their luck in the great Christmas drawing. Fortune has favored the bold in this city, two of the largest prizes have been won by parties residing here, the first prize of \$500,000 by a number of men who heretofore have not been greatly favored by the good fortune of this world; the other of \$150,000 has been won principally by the men at one of our largest mills.

PEACH, Apple, Apricot, Pomegranate, Fig, Walnut, Orange, Etc.

All in full bearing, and is undoubtedly the best bargain ever offered within the City limits. Also a Young Orange Grove of 15 acres and a Semi-Tropical Nursery. The young grove is 4 years old. It is a fine new orchard, and is well situated, and on terms on the Price Asked. For further particulars and terms apply to Law Office No. 55, Temple Block. Title perfect.

DEPT. 27-1M MUN. View Hotel, Compton.

SHOP LIFTING EXTRAORDINARY.

An old stager in the shop-lifting line has come ignominiously to grief, in the very act of trotting off, laden with his ill-gotten spoils. Fancy her skirts were lined with sheets, towels, stockings and a motley collection of similar articles. It is a wonder how she managed to stagger through the streets so heavily laden; but her peculiar gait attracted the eyes of a watchful "knight of the star" who tripped her off to the City Prison. Poor Kate Maloney, her little game is played out, for she has been up before, and therefore it is felony now. The State Prison looms in the distance for her. She tried ineffectually to make away with herself, but either the knife was not sharp enough, or else the Prison keeper was too sharp, for the attempt was vain.

REVIVAL PREACHING.

A female preacher has turned up in our midst, and nightly attracts crowds of believers and unbelievers to the chapel wherein she officiates. Mrs. Van Cott is the lady's name, and she is a "screamer" I can assure you. She has a most wonderful flow of language, interlards her discourses with telling anecdotes, flings the devil, hell, and such like names and places about in a most indiscriminate manner. Her presence has created somewhat of a revival feeling, and some of our young men. It may be hoped she will do some good, for there is plenty of room for improvement in the majority of the rising generation. All "fast," a great deal "too fast."

### A DUKE IN OUR MIDST.

By the arrival of the Italian war vessel Garibaldi, we are honored with the presence of a real live Duke, who is a midshipman on board of said vessel.

His Serene Highness the Duke of Genoa is but a boy, but he would have been pampered and fawned upon by numberless people if he would have been permitted. Fortunately for him he has a good excuse to check all festivities that were to have been gotten up for his especial benefit, such as balls, dinners, theatricals and such like. The recent death of the Duke of Saxon, grandfather to the young Duke places the whole of the Royal family of Italy in mourning, and with so good an excuse, he is allowed to wander around as he pleases, without being pestered and pampered by his well-meaning but mistaken countrymen.

AMUSEMENTS.

Benefits are in order at the various theatres, usually the case just before the holidays, or the theatres would all

be sparsely attended. Great preparations are making for the Christmas pieces. At the California we are to have the fairy spectacle of the "Naiad Queen" with glorious scenery, by the famous Porter. At the Minstrels, in addition to the usual style of nigger entertainment, a new act, by Billy Manning, of "Santa Claus among the Children," is promised. At the Opera House, the Chinese extravaganza of "Chung Chow Hi" is underlined; to conclude with a localized version of "Pocahontas." All of these read well, and promise well; crowded house may therefore be looked for during the holiday week, for the few nights before Christmas will have to be content with limited audiences and a brilliant prospect.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Maloney, notorious in Sunrise horrors, he being the wicked second mate, died in prison yesterday.

Markets crowded with turkeys, where do they all come from?

Fire Department muddle still dragging its way through the courts.

Only about 2,000 applicants to fill 50 vacancies in the Police Force.

Scarlatina and occasionally small pox heard of.

Great ten mile race now announced for Christmas day.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year to all your readers is the wish of

### GOLDEN GATE.

### Orange Items.

A Grange is being organized in San Diego County.

Hon. J. W. Nesmith, Representative from Oregon, is a Granger—the only one in Congress.

The Oregon Granger gives a list of one State Grange, one Central Association and forty-two subordinate Granges in Oregon, and four in Washington Territory.

John H. Hegeler, Master of Bodega Grange, has been appointed General Deputy, and is also appointed an agent to reside in San Francisco and handle the dairy produce for members of the Order, under \$2,000 bonds.

Santa Barbara is anxious to become a city, and will ask the Legislature for a charter.

### NEW TO-DAY.

### 1874.

ON NEW-YEARS' EVENING there will be a

### A Grand Ball.

At LECK'S HALL, Main Street. It will be a choice affair. Tickets at the door.

ADMISSION, 50. dec30th

EXAMINE THIS.

YEAR & WOLFSKILL OFFER 40 Acres of Land for Sale, fronting on Washington street, 400 yards from the Washington Gardens, and half a mile from the Court House, highly improved, with Vineyard, Orchard, and Semi-Tropical trees, such as

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### Bunker Hill.

A little over a year more, and the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill will take place. A little band of heroes, then inaugurated a struggle, which brought about results. It is very fitting that their deeds should be commemorated. The nation at large is very justly arranging for a celebration on an extensive scale of the centennial anniversary of this event. This will fill patriotic impulses into the souls of those of the coming generations, and prepare them for the struggles, which they in life must undergo. Overhanging Los Angeles is hill similar to Bunker Hill—nay, it is larger. From it all the city can be seen and the country for miles around. On this hill also are military marks, the remnants of a fort, which was built for the protection of liberty in this State. This hill has an avenue running along its crest, and our friend Beaudry, through whose influence it has been opened, has very appropriately named it Bunker Hill avenue. The City Surveyor has been ordered to define the grades and lines of Olive, Clark, and Bunker Hill avenue, from Hill to Hope; Second street, and Temple street, from Hill to Hope. This will bring these lands within easy reach of the business part of the city. The distance to the Court House is less than it is from the Turners Hall.

Mr. Beaudry being the owner, by perfect and indisputable title, offers the following scheme, believing that it will satisfy a felt want.

His various tracts have been surveyed, and platted in lots of convenient size for residences, upwards of two hundred in number, and the maps, together with abstracts of title, are kept for public inspection at his office, opposite the Pico House.

Any person desiring to purchase can inspect the land, select his lot or lots, and agree to the same, if not previously taken up by another, upon the following terms:—Purchasers not being restricted to a single lot.

The purchaser or his successor to pay the fixed price of the lands selected by him, in equal monthly installments, as follows: On lots valued at \$400 and upwards, but not to exceed \$500, \$15 per month on those valued at \$300 and upwards, and less than \$400, \$10 per month. Payments in gold or currency, and no interest demanded. For cash in hand a reduction of fifteen per cent. will be made.

The purchaser to have immediate possession upon payment of the first installment and on execution and delivery of contract.

The right of the purchasers may be succeeded by him, and his assigns to succeed to all his privileges and liabilities; standing in all respects towards the vendor as an original obligor.

Purchasers shall not be restricted to the payment of the installments as above shown, but may make payments in advance, and on all such payments he will allow one per cent. per month, from the date of payment until said payment would become due.

Upon selection of a lot or lots by a purchaser, and payment of the first installment with five dollars, in U. S. gold coin, as expenses on the document, Mr. Beaudry with the purchaser, will execute and acknowledge a sealed agreement, embodying a wide range of conditions; and, upon full payment, according thereto, the undersigned will execute and deliver to the purchaser, or his lawful representatives, on demand, a good and sufficient and absolute deed of conveyance of the contracted lands in form of warranty, again granting to the grantee the grant of such deed.

These proposals will be kept open until the 12th day of February, 1874.

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